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Inquiry: I am requesting information regarding the Respiratory Care Board's and/or the Department of Health Services guidelines (scope of practice) for the subcutaneous injection, by RCP's, of Lidocaine prior to arterial puncture for arterial blood gas analysis.

Response: In regard to subcutaneous injection, this is nearly verbatim from the Respiratory Care Practice Act (RCPA) and allowed. Further, the RCB suggests that a "respiratory care protocol", as defined in Section 3702 of the RCPA, be developed for this procedure.

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